



Trinity Tidings

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FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

While it has been over a year since Fr. Bill Stroop surprised us by announcing his decision to leave Trinity, we are now very close to finding his successor. We have been given the names of two outstanding priests to interview and consider for Trinity. One has been interviewed already and the other interview will take place early in June. Both are Mississippians, although one is temporarily out of state serving a large church in Arizona as Priest-in Charge but desires to return to the Diocese of Mississippi. Both are married and have grown children. Neither has indicated any desire for secular employment out side the parish. In this particular situation the Vestry acts as your Search Committee. Their CDO (clergy deployment office) profiles are extremely attractive and they would appear to be well equipped to help us in our areas of greatest need. For our growth and prosperity, it would seem to me that one of the most important areas that needs enthusiastic development is Christian education for all age groups, particularly children and young adults. Recently so very little has been available to parents of young children, that even if they are willing to bring the young ones, they become discouraged and complacent. Some don't come at all. We have a dedicated core of teachers, but they can't do it all by themselves!

Our attendance in all areas is lagging and we are very much in need of overall motivation, stimulation, and rejuvenation. I truly believe that either of these candidates being considered could accomplish this. I base that observation on review of their records in their previous positions. They have been very successful in recruiting both human and material resources. They have grown the congregations, the budgets, and the monies collected during the financial stewardship campaigns

Another of our greatest needs is individual responsibility. People who agree to serve in any role need to step up, be present to perform that role, and satisfy their committed obligation. This need exists at all levels: Vergers, Choir, readers, acolytes,

By the Grace of God
and with the consent of the people
The Right Reverend Joe Goodwin Burnett
Bishop of Nebraska
on behalf of
The Right Reverend Duncan Montgomery
Bishop of Mississippi
will ordain

Joseph Goodwin Burnett
Carol Lynn Mead
Judy Lane Morris

to the Sacred Order of Deacons on
The Eve of the Day of Pentecost
Saturday, the thirtieth of May
The year two thousand nine
at half past ten o'clock in the morning

Bishop Gray's Visit

On Tuesday, March 10, 2009, Bishop Gray and Canon Johnson met with all the voting members of the Vestry to explain our options for the near term as far as a Priest is concerned. Two Priests were specifically requested for consideration, one of whom has considerable local support, but the Bishop declined both. Canon Johnson outlined four options:

- 1) A chain of supply priests, one for each Sunday with no other duties.
- 2) An interim appointment for a definite period of 2 to 3 years. Keep in mind that an interim Priest cannot be hired full time at the end of the interim period.
- 3) The Bishop appoints a carefully selected Priest-in-Charge for 18 to 24 months or more. He/she would serve just like our permanent Rector, but can be terminated early if it doesn't work out, or can be hired by issuing call.
- 4) Begin a search now using supply Priests in the meantime—a difficult and uncomfortable choice.

The Bishop strongly recommended option #3. He would choose a Priest from a carefully selected list, all of whom he knows well, including their individual strengths and weaknesses. He would make that appointment before he begins his Sabbatical on April 1, 2009, and we may anticipate having a new Rector sometime in May. Following a lengthy discussion the vestry unanimously agreed to option three. Please feel free to discuss this with any of the Vestry.

Please bear with us as your Vestry and the Diocesan Office develop this opportunity for Trinity. Fr. Bill's last Sunday to preach and preside is Palm Sunday, but we have arranged for our services to be covered during Holy Week and a reception will be held following the Palm Sunday service. I urge all to be in attendance and to be of good cheer.

We are entering a new time at Trinity once again. It will take all of us pulling together to sustain the church we all love so very much!

Ben Carmichael
Sr. Warden

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 am Holy Eucharist & Breakfast
<u>TUESDAY</u>	7:00 am Holy Eucharist & Breakfast
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	9:30 am Holy Eucharist & Healing 5:30 pm Tenebrae Service
<u>THURSDAY</u>	7:00 am Holy Eucharist & Breakfast 5:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service followed by Seder Supper
<u>FRIDAY</u>	12 noon Good Friday Service without Communion 5:30 pm Good Friday Service without Communion
<u>SATURDAY</u>	NO EASTER VIGIL SERVICE
<u>SUNDAY</u>	8:00 am Festival Choral Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Festival Choral Holy Eucharist

Easter Activity will be planned for the children between services

Condolences

We extend our sympathy to Harvey & Ann Poole on the death of Harvey's brother Morris Poole; to the family and friends of Kathryn Jones on her passing; and to Doris Bradley and her family on the passing of her brother James Parker, to the family and friends of Barbara Ford on her passing.



Abbreviated Minutes of the February 18, 2009 Vestry Meeting

Welcoming of New Vestry Members. Dr. Carmichael welcomed new Vestry members, Mrs. Mary Moore Conville and Mrs. Marilyn McDaniel and new Junior Warden, Dr. Jeff Bowman.

Prayers for the Davis Family. Fr. Stroop shared the news that Fr. Chip Davis son Matthew died unexpectedly and offered two prayers.

Landmark Status for Trinity. Dr. Ben Carmichael stated that the suggestion to pursue landmark status for the church is inactive and will be discussed further if and when more information becomes available.

IRS Regulations Governing Church Missions. Mrs. Jan Moore shared information regarding charitable and restricted contributions that need to be followed to protect Trinity's charitable status and others involved. Donations earmarked for a particular person on the subject line of a check are excluded. Although a contributor may suggest uses for a donation, the church must have complete control and discretion over use of donated funds according to IRS regulations. See attached for complete guidelines

The Micro-Industry Teach Them to Fish Mission Project. Mr. John Delancy stated that he is working to meet these guidelines for money that the Micro-Industry Teach Them to Fish Mission Project receives. He also turned in the invoice for the \$1074 in raw material used for constructing the fused glass cross for Diocesan Convention. There will be an additional cost for the welding labor involved. The cross is currently at Mr. Delancy's shop. The Mission made \$360 in gross sales at Convention. The vestry recommended that The Mission set up its own checking account for donations, and apply for non-profit 501(C)3 status. Mrs. Tardy and Mr. Delancy have discussed setting up a non-profit for the Mission Project, and that idea will be further investigated. The website for the Mission Project is ww.teachthemtofishmission.com. A new name may have to be developed to avoid possible future conflict with an existing organization.

Endorsement of Jody Burnett's Ordination to the Deaconate. Mr. Jody Burnett will be ordained in the Deaconate at the end of May at Saint Andrew's in Jackson, MS. The vestry unanimously endorsed Jody's ordination to the transitional deaconate and priesthood.

Request Regarding Cleaning of the Bronze Columbaria. Several parishioners have suggested that the bronze on the columbaria be cleaned. Dr. Bowman said that the patina on the bronze actually protects the bronze. He will discuss with Mr. Robert Cox the possibility of cleaning and resealing the nameplates. Further discussion on this issue was tabled.

Columbarium Project. The design and location for the new columbaria has been approved by the Columbarium Committee. The contract with Finlo Construction has been signed. The columbaria will have 96 double niches to be sold for \$600 per person for double occupancy, and \$900 for a single occupant. The sale of the niches will go into a Columbarium Fund for future maintenance and upkeep. The Thompson Trust will pay for the entire project once it is finalized by the co-trustees. Also the sidewalks will be replaced in that area and additional top soil may be needed. Concerns regarding vandalism were discussed. The total cost of the project will be: \$88,241.00 (Finlo Construction) + \$13,236.15 (Ed Blake) = \$101,477.15 + \$25,000 (Landscaping, gate, sprinkler repairs) = \$126,477.15. The vestry approved a motion to proceed with the building of the columbarium.

January 2009 Financial Reports. The financial reports for January 2009 and several recommendations by the Finance Committee were discussed. Because there has been no activity for three years in the Landscaping Fund checking account, the money in the account will be used for mulching and spring plants and then closed. The Finance Committee will readdress seminarian support at a later date. Mr. Leighton Lewis, Sr. will be working on will and estate planning as it relates to the Long Term Planning Committee. Mr. Bob Johnson will be asked to review Trinity's insurance. Mrs. Moore is working on a pictorial / video inventory of church property. Expenses were on target for the month. The financial report was approved by the vestry.

Convention Volunteers Pot Luck Supper. A pot luck dinner will be held Thursday, March 5 at 6:30 pm for all the volunteers from Trinity and Ascension who helped with the Diocesan Council.

Dr. Stroop's Job Search. Fr. Stroop reported on his search process, noting that eight processes were active and 25 were pending being moved into active discernment.

Request Regarding Fr. Stroop's Amended Letter of Agreement. Fr. Stroop made a written request to the vestry via the Sr. Warden, and excused himself from the meeting to allow the vestry to discuss his request. Fr. Stroop's request was that three additional months be added to the ending date of April 21, 2009 that was agreed upon in the Amended Letter of Agreement to allow ongoing search processes to be completed. The vestry unanimously voted not to extend the agreement as requested.

Adjournment. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays at Trinity, March 4, 2009



From Left to Right: Theresa Sanchez, Alexander Russakovsky,
Jane Butler

Eddie Hendrix

Eddie Hendrix had his bone marrow transplant Thursday, March 19. His mother reports that he is doing pretty good considering. His little brother was the donor. If you would like to send Eddie a card, this is the address:

University of Mississippi Health Care
Children's Hospital
Eddie Hendrix
Room 534
2500 North State Street
Jackson, MS 39216

Schedules for Church Volunteers for April

Nursery Volunteers

- 5 David Butler**
- 12 Mary Virginia McKenzie**
- 19 Sharon Sabin**
- 26 Tirza & Katelyn Carmichael**

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Snack

- 5 Chuck & Chris Tardy and B. J. Andrade**
- 12 Tom & Meg Puckett and Sandy & Alice Carol Gray**
- 19 Gardner & Carol Fletcher and Gil & Kalani Hoffman**
- 26 Richard & Deborah Thomas, Jr. and Alex & Theresa Brinkley**

Counters: Fred Swanson & B. J. Andrade

Ushers:

- 5 8:00 Fred Swanson & Bob Johnson
10:30 Toni Bailey & Gretchen Grimsley
- 12 8:00 Holt McMullan & John McDaniel
10:30 Bill Browning & Dr. Ben Carmichael
- 19 8:00 Judith Thompson & Sarah Wainwright
10:30 John & Trish DeLancey
- 26 8:00 Pam & Regiel Napier
10:30 Dr. Ben Carmichael & Sissy Thomas

Chalice Bearers:

- 5 8:00 Lucia Perdue, Barbara Parker
10:30 Ellen Ruffin, Harry Sims
- 12 8:00 Doris Bradley, David Sheley
10:30 Barbara Carter, Harvey Poole
- 19 8:00 Fred Swanson, John McDaniel
10:30 Mike Dodds, Chris Tardy
- 26 8:00 Sally Wilcox, Sarah Wainwright
10:30 Patty Bomboy, Bill Browning

Vergers:

- 5 Harvey Poole
12 Robert Heithaus
19 B.W. Curry III
26 Ned McInnis

Readers:

- 5 8:00 David Sheley, Jessica Smith
10:30 Pat Hays, Kelly Henley
- 12 8:00 Fred Swanson, Jan Van Nostrand
10:30 Kalani Hoffman, Mildred Hong
- 19 8:00 Sarah Wainwright, Sally Wilcox
10:30 Byron Johnson, Pamela Jones
- 26 8:00 B. J. Andrade, Jeanie Gail Bowman
10:30 Doug Montague, Sam Murchison

Acolytes for April:

5 Daniel Paul
Corbin Stevens
Casey Voss
Gian Luigi Zaninelli
Katelyn Carmichael

19 Poppy Hutt
Lauren Link
Matthew Little
Daniel Paul
Casey Voss

12 Fiona Beveridge
Simon Beveridge
Mary Peyton Clark
Patrick DeLancey
Hudson Garner

26 Corbin Stevens
Gian Luigi Zaninelli
Katelyn Carmichael
Fiona Beveridge
Simon Beveridge

Hymns for April

April 5

- 154 All glory, laud and honor
435 At the name of Jesus
458 My song is love unknown
168 O sacred head, sore wounded



April 12

- 175 Hail thee, festival day
210 The day of resurrection
213 Come away to the skies
178 Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord
207J Jesus Christ is risen today

April 19

- 203 O sons and daughters, let us sing
205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing st. 1,3,4
490 I want to walk as a child of the light
184 Christ the Lord is risen again
193 That Easter day with joy was bright

April 26

- 182 Christ is alive! Let Christian sing
208 Alleluia! The strife is o'er st. 1,2,5
305 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest
491 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness
180 He is risen, he is risen

EASTER 2009



DEDICATION OF EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation to the Flower Fund in anticipation of Easter. Please complete this form and send to the Church Office **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1.**

Enclosed is a donation in the amount of _____

in loving memory of _____

and/or in grateful thanksgiving for _____

Given by _____



The Merry Martha's First Lenten Luncheon 2009